

Senate Amendment to
House File 424

H-1280

1 Amend House File 424, as passed by the House, as follows:

2 1. Page 2, line 14, by striking ~~<supervises>~~ and inserting
3 <supervises a physician assistant engaged in independent
4 practice or>

5 2. Page 2, line 16, by striking ~~<supervises>~~ and inserting
6 <supervises a physician assistant engaged in independent
7 practice or>

8 3. Page 4, by striking lines 3 and 4 and inserting:
9 <Sec. ____ . Section 148C.1, subsection 5, Code 2023, is
10 amended by striking the subsection and inserting in lieu
11 thereof the following:

12 5. "*Independent practice*" means the practice of a physician
13 assistant that is organized as a professional corporation under
14 chapter 496C or a professional limited liability company under
15 chapter 489.

16 Sec. ____ . Section 148C.1, subsection 8, Code 2023, is
17 amended by striking the subsection and inserting in lieu
18 thereof the following:

19 8. "*Supervising physician*" means a physician who supervises
20 the medical services provided by a physician assistant
21 engaged in independent practice consistent with the physician
22 assistant's education, training, and experience.>

23 4. Page 4, by striking lines 14 and 15 and inserting:

24 <Sec. ____ . Section 148C.3, subsection 2, Code 2023, is
25 amended to read as follows:

26 2. a. Rules ~~Joint rules~~ shall be adopted by the board and
27 the board of medicine pursuant to this chapter requiring a
28 licensed physician assistant to be supervised by ~~physicians~~ a
29 physician during the first two years of independent practice if
30 the physician assistant has not previously practiced under a
31 supervising physician or in collaboration with the appropriate
32 physician or other health care professional for a period of at
33 least two years. The rules shall ~~provide that not more than~~
34 ~~five physician assistants shall be supervised by a physician at~~
35 ~~one time~~ determine the terms of collaboration for a physician

1 assistant engaged in independent practice after the conclusion
2 of two years of practice under a supervising physician. The
3 rules shall also provide that a physician assistant shall
4 notify the board of the identity of the physician assistant's
5 supervising physician and of any change in the status of the
6 supervisory relationship.

7 b. For purposes of this chapter, "supervision" does not
8 require the personal presence of the physician at the place
9 where medical services are rendered except insofar as the
10 personal presence is expressly required by this chapter or by
11 rules of the board adopted pursuant to chapter 17A.>

12 5. Page 5, by striking lines 7 through 20 and inserting:

13 <3. The degree of collaboration between a physician
14 assistant and the appropriate member of a health care team
15 shall be determined at the practice level, and may involve
16 decisions made by the medical group, hospital service,
17 supervising physician, or employer of the physician assistant,
18 or the credentialing and privileging system of a licensed
19 health care facility. ~~A physician shall be accessible at all~~
20 ~~times for consultation with a physician assistant unless the~~
21 ~~physician assistant is providing emergency medical services~~
22 ~~pursuant to 645 IAC 327.1(1)(n).~~ The supervising physician
23 shall have ultimate responsibility for determining the medical
24 care provided by the supervising physician-physician assistant
25 team A physician assistant shall be responsible for the
26 services performed by the physician assistant that are not
27 performed under the supervision of a physician.

28 Sec. _____. Section 148C.5, subsection 1, Code 2023, is
29 amended to read as follows:

30 1. If the board commences a contested case hearing against
31 a physician assistant by delivering a statement of charges
32 and notice of hearing to the physician assistant, the board
33 shall deliver a copy of the statement of charges and notice of
34 hearing to the physician assistant's supervising physician, if
35 applicable.

1 Sec. _____. Section 148C.5, subsection 3, Code 2023, is
2 amended by striking the subsection.

3 Sec. _____. Section 148C.9, Code 2023, is amended to read as
4 follows:

5 **148C.9 Eye examination restricted.**

6 ~~A physician assistant shall not be permitted to prescribe~~
7 ~~lenses, prisms, or contact lenses for the aid, relief, or~~
8 ~~correction of human vision.~~ A physician assistant engaged
9 in independent practice shall not be permitted to measure
10 the visual power and visual efficiency of the human eye, as
11 distinguished from routine visual screening, except in the
12 personal presence of a supervising physician at the place where
13 such services are rendered.>

14 6. Page 6, line 35, by striking <under the supervision of>
15 and inserting <under the supervision of or>

16 7. Page 7, line 1, after <psychiatrist,> by inserting <a
17 qualified mental health professional physician assistant, a
18 psychiatric advanced registered nurse practitioner as defined
19 in section 125.2,>

20 8. Page 8, line 7, by striking <148.13, 148C.5, 148C.9,> and
21 inserting <148.13>

22 9. Title page, line 2, before <physician> by inserting
23 <certain>

24 10. By renumbering as necessary.